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Dear Mr. Wirth:

This is in reply to Mr. Scoyen's letter of 17 October 1957 concerning the George Washington Memorial Parkway. We are gratified at the progress which you are making in the construction of the Parkway and hope that nothing will interfere with its completion according to schedule.

We regret very much that according to the most recent estimates available \$1,063,600, in addition to funds already appropriated, will be required to complete the project. Its completion is essential to provide access to our new building, and we are anxious to cooperate with you in every possible way. However, we hope that some solution can be found which will avoid the necessity of this Agency requesting an additional appropriation as Mr. Scoyen suggested in his letter.

Our substantive legislation for this entire project is contained in Public Law 161, 84th Congress, Title IV, Section 601, which states in part that "not more than \$8,900,000 shall be available for transfer to the National Capital Planning Commission and the Department of the Interior for acquisition of land for and construction to extend the George Washington Memorial Parkway to the present site of the research station of the Bureau of Public Roads at Langley, Fairfax County, Virginia: Provided, That at such time as it is determined that construction of such headquarters installation at said research station will not be commenced or continued, said amount of \$8,900,000, or the remainder thereof, shall no longer be available for obligation." Since the amount made available for transfer was specifically limited by the authorizing act, we believe that any request by this Agency for additional funds for this purpose would require substantive as well as appropriation legislation. We doubt very seriously that the Congress would consider favorably such a request since we would normally have no basis for requesting funds for road construction as such. Funds for the Parkway were included in our original request since our selection of the Langley site was contingent upon their availability and we needed the position of the Congress in this respect before making the selection. Now that we are committed to the site, we believe the Congress would

consider it appropriate for the roadways to be developed through normal channels. This is emphasized by the fact that the Conference Committee which approved our funds directed that "none of these funds be spent in such a way as to make it necessary for the Congress to authorize additional funds at a later date."

Although we would regret the necessity for you to defer other high priority work in order to complete the Parkway, we do feel that it is most desirable that this Agency not seek additional legislation and appropriation for this purpose.

We appreciate your splendid cooperation on this project and stand ready to assist further in any way we can.

Sincerely,

Signed

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Director

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